

| Time  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  |
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| 09:00 | Opening   | Meet the lecturer   | Meet the lecturer                                      |
| 09:30 | An overview of humour research (GR)                                   | * Approaches to analysing contemporary stand-up comedy (SL)                       | *Correlation and significance: the basic concepts (GR) |
| 10:30 |   | COFFEE BREAK  |  |
| 11:00 | National humor -- A critical perspective (HK)                         | Incongruity and its resolution (GR)   | Nasty humour as great literature (CD)                  |
| 12:00 | What is humour? Etymology and taxonomic studies (WR)                  | Dialect and Humor in American Literature and Culture: An Uneasy Relationship (HK) | Humor as play, laughter as play signal (JM)            |
| 13:00 |   | LUNCH BREAK   |  |
| 14:30 | Political jokes (anekdoti) and the fall of the Soviet empire (CD)     | Positive Psychology and humour: A good match? (WR)                                | Excursion  |
| 15:30 | Contemporary television comedy and social class (SL)                  | Can laughter make us happier? (AR)  |  |
| 16:30 |   | COFFEE BREAK  |  |
| 16:45 | Professional humour – Comedians and their part in humour studies (CW) | Humor as a neutralizing metarelation (AKo)  |  |
| 17:45 |   | Poster session  |  |
| 19:00 | Opening reception   |   |  |

\* methods talk; #workshop / specialized audience

DB Dr. Dorota Brzozowska (Polish Philology Department, Opole University, Poland)  
WC Dr. Wladislaw Chlopicki (Institute of English Philology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland).  
CD Professor Christie Davies (Department of Sociology, University of Reading, England)  
HK Professor Holger Kersten (Amerikanistik, Universität Magdeburg, Germany)  
SK Professor Seppo Knuuttila (Department of Folkloristics, University of Joensuu, Finland)  
AKo Professor Alexander Kozintsev (Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography in St. Petersburg, Russia)  
AKr Professor Arvo Krikmann (Department of Folkloristics, Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia)  
SL Dr. Sharon Lockyer (School of Social Sciences, Brunel University, London, UK)

| THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  | Time  |
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| Meet the lecturer   | Meet the lecturer   | Meet the lecturer   | 9:00  |
| *Assessment of the sense of humour: Another appraisal of the state of the art (WR)  | *Hypothesis testing and refutation in the study of jokes: Some methodological questions (CD)                        | Jokes about Stalin in the Light of the Metasemantic Theory of Humor (AKo)   | 9:30  |
|   | COFFEE BREAK  |   | 10:30 |
| Funny business: The benefits of humor at work (JM)  | Cognitive construals in jokes - Visual logical mechanisms (WChI)  | Mark Twain and the complexities of American humor (HK)  | 11:00 |
| #Build your own jokes (GR) <b>OR</b><br>#How to measure smiling and laughter: Learning the basics of the Facial Action Coding System - FACS (WR and TP) | Relationships of punchlineless (and in general older) "Schwanks" and contemporary punchlined jokes ("Witzes") (AKr) | Jokes about particular sets of women: Mothers in law (wife's mother), blondes, Jewish women, female car drivers and lesbians (CD) | 12:00 |
|   | LUNCH BREAK   |   | 13:00 |
| Symposium   | Is seriousness the opposite of laughter? (SK)   | What is funny to whom and why? New findings in humour appreciation and personality (WR)   | 14:30 |
| Symposium   | *The ethics of humor (JM)<br><i>Q&amp;A via Skype</i>   | Feedback and next ISS   | 15:30 |
|   | COFFEE BREAK  |   | 16:30 |
| Symposium   | Jokes about animals. Cross-cultural study (DB)  |   | 16:45 |
| Symposium   |   |   | 17:45 |
| AB Meeting  |   |   | 19:00 |

JM Professor John Morreall (Religious Studies, College of William and Mary, USA)  
 AR Dr. Anu Realo (Department of Psychology, University of Tartu, Estonia)  
 GR Dr. Graeme Ritchie (Department of Computing Science, University of Aberdeen, Scotland)  
 WR Professor Willibald Ruch (Department of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
 CW MA Clare Watters (Italian Studies, University of Birmingham, UK)  
 TP MSc Tracey Platt (Department of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland)